

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Office Action of June 2, 2005, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9, 12-16, and 19-36 remain in the application. Claims 10-11 and 17-18 have been canceled by previous amendment. The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, and 15. Claims 2, 6, 9, 12-14, 16, and 19-36 stand rejected, but the Examiner has acknowledged that these claims are directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

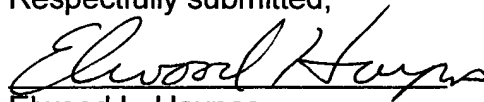
Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 2, 6, 9, 12-14, 16, and 19-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims 2, 6, 12, 14, 16, 27, and 34 to further define the invention. Claims 9, 13, 19-26, 28-33, and 35-36 depend on the amended claims. Applicants believe claims 2, 6, 9, 12-14, 16, and 19-36, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call he is invited to call Linda K. Russell at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



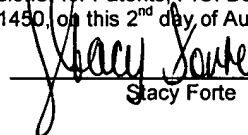
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